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In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicants enclose herewith a copy of a Communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart application citing such documents (International Search Report for PCT/JP2005/005557 dated July 12, 2005), together with an English-

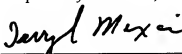
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language version (if not already included) of at least that portion of the Communication indicating the degree of relevance found by the foreign patent office. Also, JP-A-10-162463 is cited and discussed on page 3 of the specification of the present application, and English-language abstracts, submitted herewith, constitute concise statements of relevance for JP-A-2003-257115; JP-A-10-269722 and JP-A-10-162463. In addition, the listing JP-A-2003-257115 corresponds to the listed U.S. Patent 6,330,219.

The submission of the listed documents is not intended as an admission that any such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicants do not waive any right to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove any listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the present application.

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